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SUBJECT: US-ISRAEL INDUSTRIAL R&D FOUNDATION (BIRDF)

1. NEW CHIEF SCIENTIST, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY-TRADE/
AND TOURISM ARIEH LAVIE (WHO IS ALSO NEW MEMBER BIRDF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS) DISCUSSED FOLLOWING BIRDF MATTERS WITH
SCIATT.

2. LAVIE SAID THAT AT HIS REQUEST, FORMER CHIEF SCIENTIST
YA'ACOV WOULD CONTINUE TO ACT AS BOG MEMBER FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS TO HELP BIRDF GET STARTED. SCIATT NOTED REQUIRE-
MENT THAT YAACOV COULD BE BOG MEMBER ONLY WHILE CHIEF
SCIENTIST, AND SUGGESTED THAT YAACOV'S ASSISTANCE WOULD
BE MOST WELCOME AND EQUALLY EFFECTIVE IF HE SIMPLY HELPS
INFORMALLY WITH BIRDF, WITHOUT ANY OFFICIAL STATUS.

3. LAVIE CLARIFIED THAT ALTHOUGH YA'ACOV WILL HELP WITH
BIRDF FOR A FEW MONTHS, ONLY LAVIE WILL PARTICIPATE IN
BIRDF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH ASST SEC.
BARUCH. (EARLY SEPTEMBER YA'ACOV-BARUCH CONVERSATIONS IN
U.S. ARE APPARENTLY AN EXCEPTION).

4. LAVIE SAID THAT YA'ACOV WILL PROPOSE TO ASST SEC
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BARUCH THAT BOG BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ONE ADDITIONAL
MEMBER FROM EACH GOVERNMENT. THIS REQUEST ORIGINATES
WITH NEW MINISTER ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE MODA'I WHO
WISHES TO HAVE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINENERGY, JOSEPH
VARDI, ON BOG. SCIATT GOT IMPRESSING THAT MININDUSTRY
WISHES TO ACCOMMODATE MINENERGY IN THIS MATTER BECAUSE
THE TWO MINISTRIES ARE STILL IN PROCESS OF RESOLVING

CERTAIN JURISDICTIONAL MATTERS.

5. FIVE-ROOM, FULLY EQUIPPED OFFICE IS NOW READY FOR BLACKMAN AT 33 UGARIT ST., TEL BARUCH (SUBURBAN TEL AVIV) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IS TO COME FROM MR. YAIR AMITAY, DIRECTOR ISRAEL INDUSTRIAL CENTER, WHOSE OFFICES SHARE SAME BUILDING. IN ORDER TO MAKE FURTHER PREPARATIONS FOR BLACKMAN SEPT. 15 ARRIVAL, EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW HIS TRAVEL PLANS INCLUDING DEPENDENTS AND WHETHER HE WILL BE EMPLOYEE OF USG.

6. LAVIE WAS BORN SOFIA, BULGARIA 1935 AND CAME TO ISRAEL 1949. RECEIVED B.S.M.E. TECHNION 1959, M.S. 1963 AND PHD (MEDICAL ELECTRONICS) AT WEIZMANN INSTITUTE 1968. ALSO STUDIED ELECTRONIC GUIDANCE AND CONTROL TWO YEARS AT CRANFIELD (ENGLAND) INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. AFTER 15 YEARS WITH MINISTRY DEFENSE R&D ESTABLISHMENT (ADVANCED WEAPONS SYSTEMS), HE JOINED MININDUSTRY AS DUPUTY CHIEF SCEINTIST IN 1976.
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